



Bridge to the Portland Harbor Cleanup



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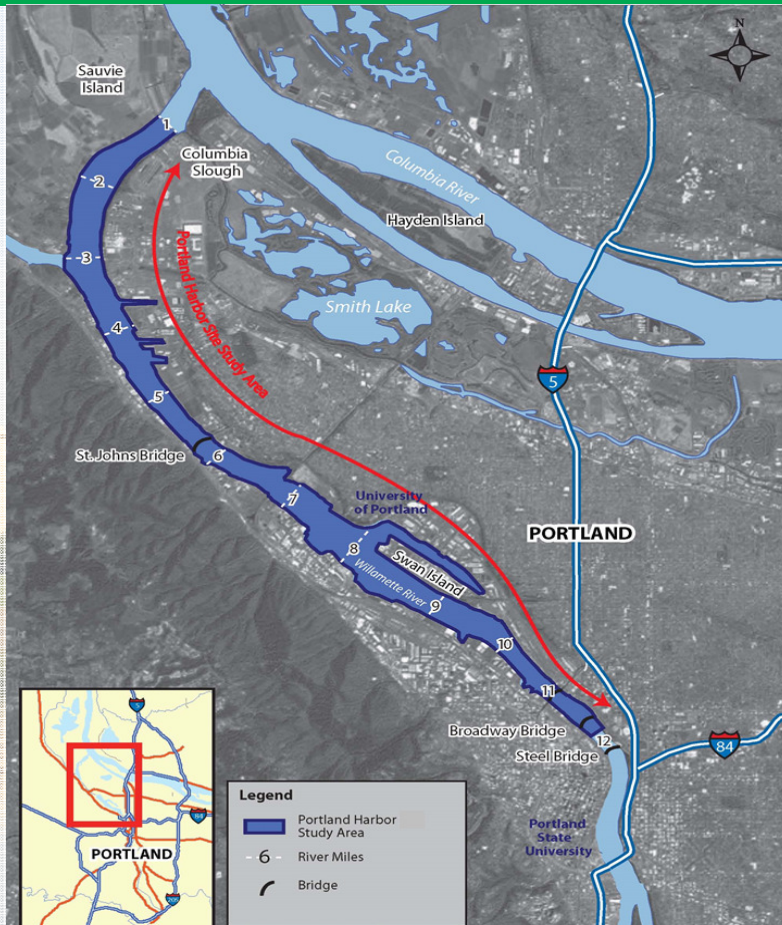


Portland Harbor Superfund Site

- **Where is it?**
- **What is it?**
 - **Superfund Process & Goals**
- **Why does it matter to you and the community?**
- **How and when should the community engage?**



Where is Portland Harbor and how is it used?



- Industry
- Recreation (boating, swimming, camping)
- Fishing
- Shipping/Navigation
- Ecological habitat
- Tribal fishing and ceremonial practices
- Migratory corridor for salmon

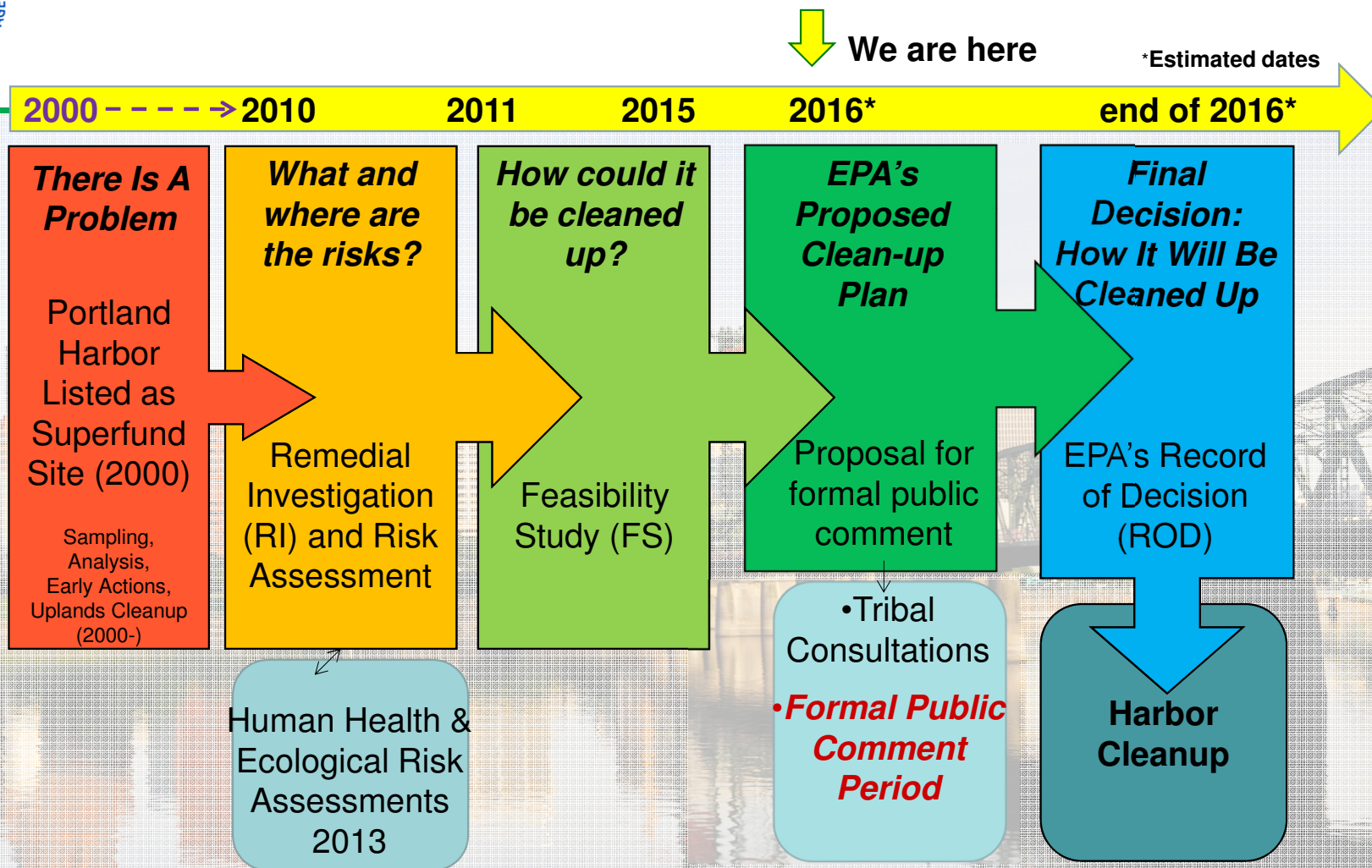


What are the goals of Superfund?

- **Protect human health and the environment**
- **Encourage participation of States and Tribes**
- **Provide opportunity for community engagement**
- **Make responsible party pay for cleanup**



Where is Portland Harbor in the Superfund Process?





How did Portland Harbor become contaminated?



- Ship building, repair & dismantling
- Wood products & wood treating
- Chemical manufacturing and distribution
- Metal recycling, production & fabrication
- Manufactured gas production
- Electrical production & distribution
- Bulk fuel distribution & storage
- Asphalt manufacturing
- Steel mills, smelters & foundries
- Commodities shipping terminals
- Rail yards



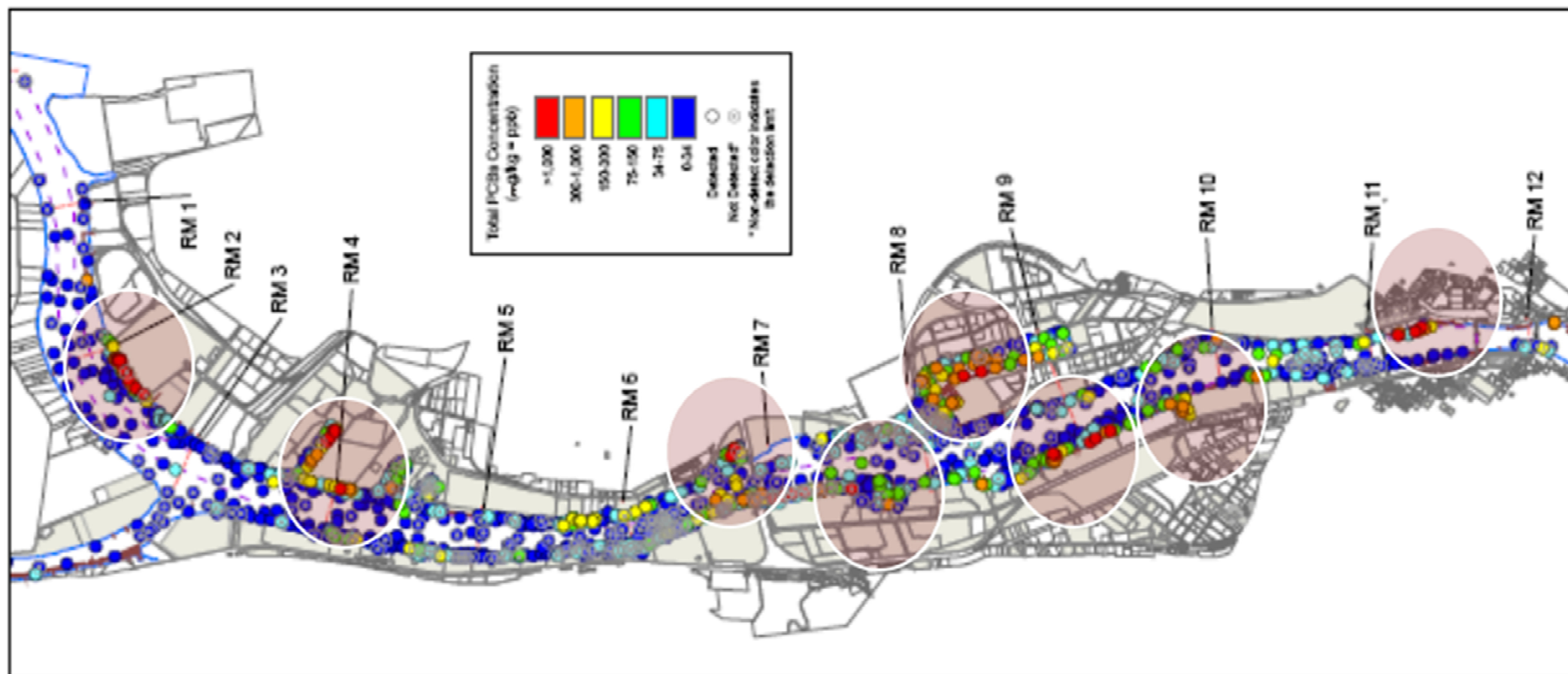
What are the pollution issues?

- **65 contaminants of concern**
 - Metals
 - Pesticides/Herbicides
 - Dioxins/Furans
 - PCBs
 - PAHs
- **“Persistent organic pollutants”**
 - not readily broken down in the environment
- **Widespread vs. local contamination**



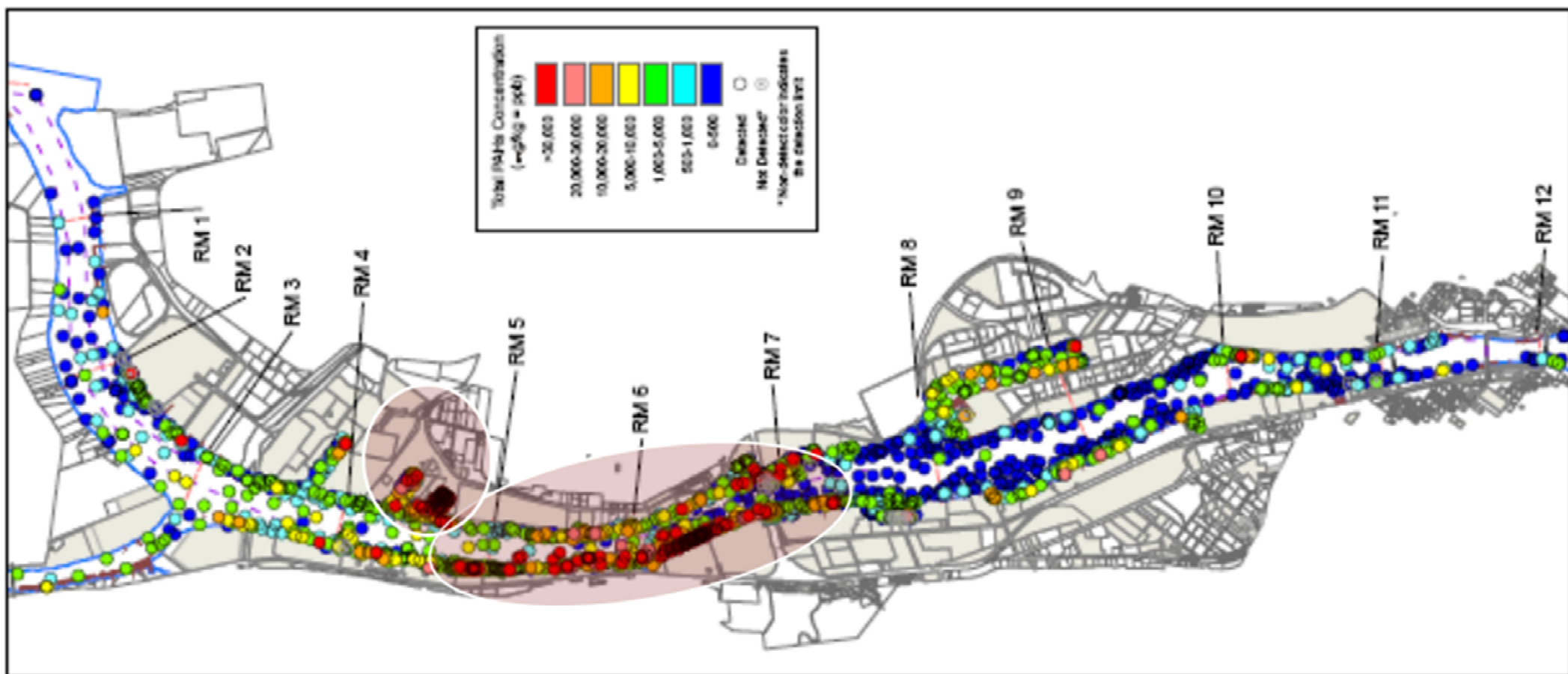


Where is the contamination?



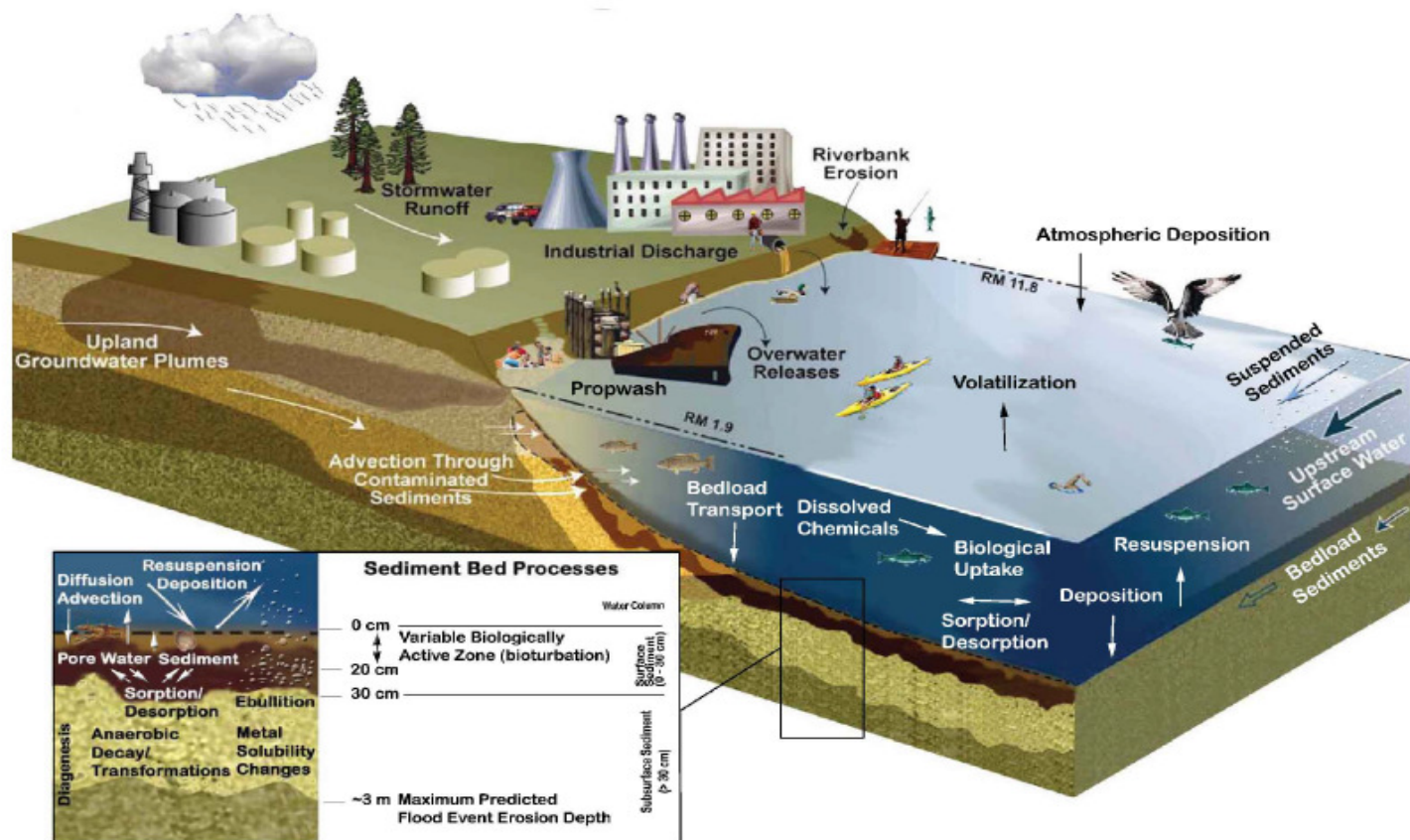


Where is the contamination?





How did contamination get to the river?



SOURCE: Figure created from PDF provided by Integral Consulting, Inc.



What are the impacts to wildlife and fish?



- **Worms and bugs exposed to contaminants in river bottom**
 - Survival, reproduction and growth
- **Fish accumulate contaminants through food chain and exposure**
- **Birds and mammals feed on fish and bugs**



What are the risks to people?

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Fish from these waters may be harmful to eat, especially for children, pregnant or nursing women, and women of childbearing age.



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- Mainly from eating contaminated fish
- Resident fish pose greatest risk
 - carp, bass, catfish
- Children and infants are most vulnerable



What are the cleanup methods?

Dredging



Capping



Treatment



- **Dredging**
- **Capping**
- **In-situ Treatment**
- **MNR/EMNR**



How will the river get cleaned up?

- **Cleanup will be a combination of methods**
- **Finding the right combination considers**
 - **Protection of human health and the environment**
 - **Time for recovery**
 - **How it impacts the community**
 - **Costs**



Why does this cleanup matter?

- **EPA**
 - Protecting habitat, fish/wildlife and health
- **Business**
 - Cleanup costs
 - Economic benefits
- **Community**
 - Future Uses of River – what is your vision?
 - Eating More Fish
 - Neighborhood Impacts



How and when should the community engage?

- **Participate in information sessions:**

- ✓ Feb 8th - 7pm, Audubon Society
- ✓ Feb 9th - 7pm, League of Women Voters
- ✓ Feb 11th - 7pm, Matt Dishman Center
- ✓ Feb 18th - 6:30pm, Wilson HS Cafeteria
- ✓ March 3rd – 7pm Webinar – more info coming soon!
- ✓ March 19th – 1pm, Matt Dishman Center



- **April – Proposed Plan, Public review & comment**

- ✓ Series of public meetings
- ✓ Oral comments
- ✓ Written comments
- ✓ Email comments
- ✓ Postal mail

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Thank You!

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